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US: Giant Hack May Be Just the Beginning

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is worried that China-based hackers who raided more than 4 million federal employment files this week will use their loot to pry into more-secure computers and plunder secrets about the U.S. military, economic strategy or foreign relations. Federal officials said Friday the cyberattack appeared to have originated in China, but they didn't point fingers directly at the Chinese government. The Chinese said any such accusation would be "irresponsible and unscientific." A spokesman for the Director of National Intelligence declined to discuss whether there was evidence against China or whether intelligence agency employees were among those whose information was compromised.

The National Security Agency and the FBI have improved their ability to attribute cyberattacks in recent years, officials have said.

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General: Criticism of air war against IS based on fiction



Thick smoke from an airstrike by the US-led coalition rises in Kobani, Syria, as seen from a hilltop on the outskirts of Suruc, at the Turkey-Syria border. In an emphatic defense of the air war in Iraq and Syria, a senior American general fired back Friday at critics who call the campaign timid and ineffective.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In an emphatic defense of the air war in Iraq and Syria, a senior American general fired back Friday at critics who call the campaign timid and ineffective, saying bombs have tied down Islamic State fighters without killing large numbers of civilians.

In a news conference he said was called to counter misconceptions about the use of air power in an unconventional war, Air Force Lt. Gen. John W. Hesterman III asserted that pilots are killing more than 1,000 militants a month while avoiding civilian casualties and Iraqi government forces.

As the Islamic State has

made territorial gains in Anbar province, including the capital Ramadi, critics have accused U.S. commanders of being too cautious, missing opportunities to kill the militants and disrupt their supply lines.

"The thought that we're observing large numbers of Daesh terrorists and not killing them, anywhere, is fiction," he said, using an Ara-

bic acronym for the Islamic State, which has defied nearly a year of daily U.S. airstrikes to maintain a hold on large swaths of northern and western Iraq and eastern Syria.

"We kill them wherever we find them," the general said.

Hesterman leads U.S. Central Command's air forces and the coalition air campaign. He spoke by telephone to reporters at the Pentagon from his headquarters at al-Udeid air base in Qatar. His remarks followed a wave of skepticism about repeated U.S. assertions that Islamic State fighters are on the defensive in Iraq and Syria, despite evidence to the contrary.

On Friday, Hesterman was on the defensive.

He pushed back, for example, on reports that a U.S. airstrike earlier this week in Hawija, an Islamic State stronghold west of Kirkuk, killed dozens of Iraqi civilians. The U.S. military has acknowledged that it attacked what it said was a facility used to build vehicle-borne suicide bombs but has not confirmed casualties.

Hesterman said "a fairly small weapon" was used against the target, which he described as a known bomb factory in an industrial area. If civilians were killed the blame rests with the Islamic State, he said, for having stored "a massive amount" of high explosives that were ignited by the airstrike.

He said the U.S. will look into the reports of large numbers of civilian deaths. One of four such reports already conducted showed two civilian deaths in Syria by coalition aircraft. The other three have not yet been released.

"Let's be clear. What did the damage was the huge amount of high explosives that Daesh intended to turn into murderous weapons to kill Iraqi forces and innocent civilians," Hesterman said. "If there were unintended injuries that responsibility rests squarely on Daesh."

He more broadly defended the U.S. approach to using air power in Iraq and Syria as the main component of the military campaign.

He mentioned no critics by name, but Sen. John McCain, the Republican chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has complained loudly that the bombing campaign lacks vigor. McCain and others in Congress, as well as some retired military officers, have argued that the campaign could be strengthened by deploying American troops as spotters for airstrikes. In line with a White House policy of not placing American troops in combat danger in Iraq, the Pentagon thus far has avoided putting those "tactical air controllers" in the field with Iraqi ground forces.

Hesterman said such spotters are "always value-added" and are being used away from the front lines.

"Would it be helpful" to have them on the front lines with Iraqi forces? "Probably," Hesterman said. "Is it necessary? Not so far." □

US: Giant hack may be just the beginning

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Often, Chinese cyberattacks have identifiable signatures, including the types of malware used. The NSA also uses its more traditional intelligence gathering methods to trace the origins of cyberattacks including intercepting the phone calls and emails of the hackers.

Federal employees were told in a video to change all their passwords, put fraud alerts on their credit reports and watch for attempts by foreign intelligence services to exploit them. That message came from Dan Payne, a senior counterintelligence official for the Director of National Intelligence.

"Some of you may think that you are not of interest

because you don't have access to classified information," he said. "You are

while the case was under investigation. Still, he noted that investigators "are



A gate leading to the Homeland Security Department headquarters in northwest Washington, Friday, June 5, 2015. China-based hackers are suspected once again of breaking into U.S. government computer networks, and the entire federal workforce could be at risk this time.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

mistaken."

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said he couldn't divulge much

aware of the threat that is emanating from China."

One U.S. official said the breach was being inves-

tigated as a national security matter, suggesting authorities believe a nation was behind it rather than a more loosely organized gang of cybercriminals. The official was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation and spoke only on condition of anonymity. The break-in is an embarrassing showing for the U.S. government's vaunted computer-defense system for civilian agencies — dubbed "Einstein" — which is costing \$376 million this year alone. It's supposed to detect unusual Internet traffic that might reflect hacking attempts or stolen data being transmitted outside the government.

This latest breach occurred in December but wasn't discovered until April, officials say. It was made public Thursday. □

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Sister: Brother was sexually abused by ex-Speaker Hastert

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A woman says the FBI interviewed her last month about her allegations that her brother was sexually abused while in high school by Dennis Hastert, the wrestling coach who would become speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, one of the most powerful positions in Washington.

Hastert — who during his term as speaker from 1999 to 2007 stood second in line to the U.S. presidency — was charged last week in a federal indictment that alleges he agreed to pay \$3.5 million to someone from Yorkville, the Illinois town where he taught and coached high school wrestling, so the person would stay quiet about "prior misconduct."

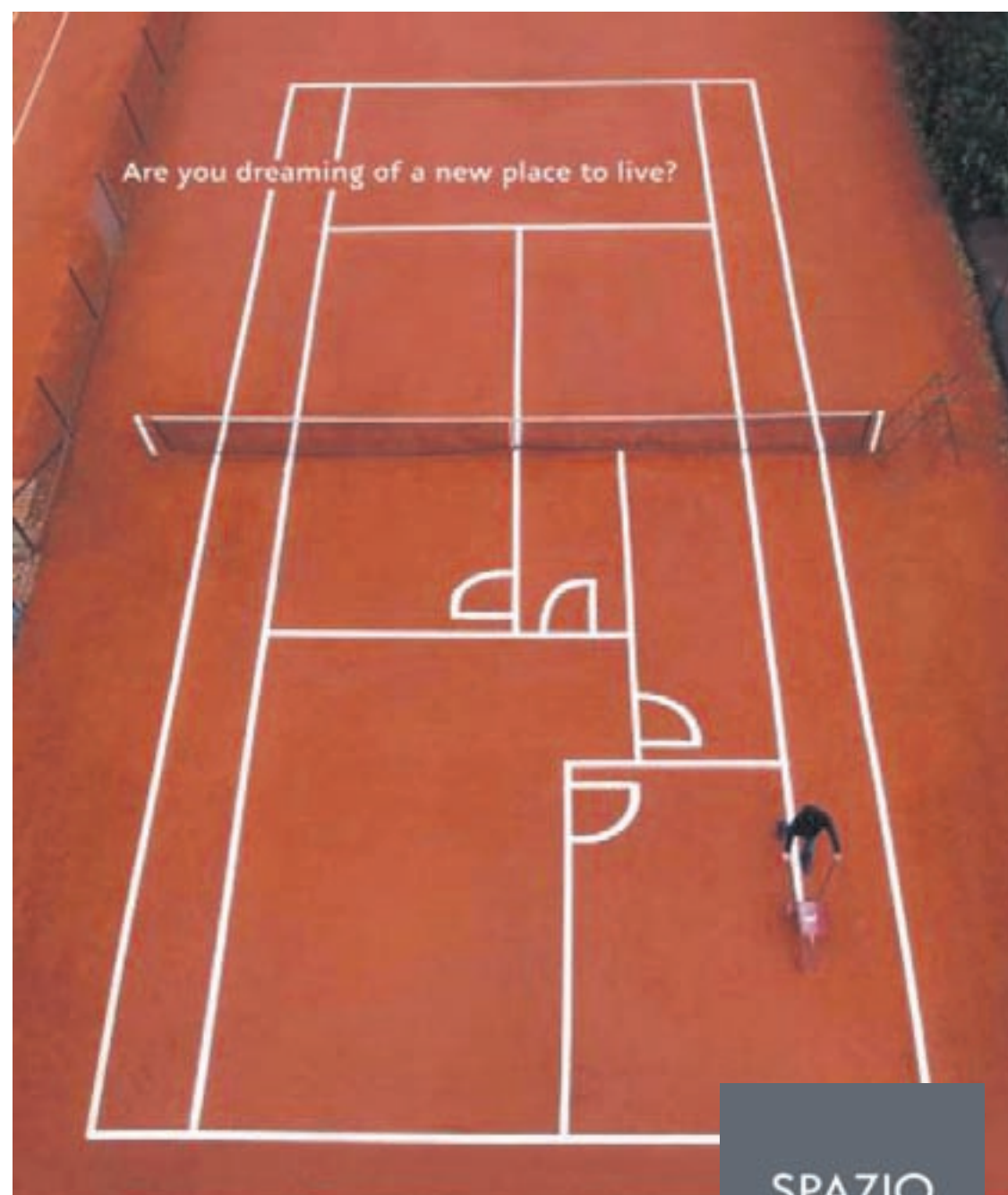
Fifteen years before Hastert allegedly promised to pay that money, Burdge's brother died. But years before his death, his sister said, he told her that his first homosexual contact was with Hastert and that it lasted throughout his high school years.

Jolene Burdge told The Associated Press on Thursday that the FBI interviewed her in mid-May about Hastert.



In this 2007 photo, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., sits for a portrait in his Capitol Hill office. A woman says the FBI interviewed her last month about her allegations that her brother was sexually abused while in high school by Dennis Hastert.

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Burdge would not disclose her brother's name to AP but said he graduated from Yorkville High School in 1971 and that Hastert was his teacher and wrestling coach. Hastert was a teacher and coach in Yorkville from 1965 to 1981, according to the indictment. In an interview aired Friday on ABC's "Good Morning America," Burdge identified her brother as Stephen Reinboldt, and said Hastert had been a father figure to him in high school. But she also said she believed Hastert had caused him irreparable harm.

"He damaged Steve, I think, more than any of us will ever know," she told the morning show.

The AP could not independently verify her allegations.

A person familiar with the allegations in the indictment has told the AP that the payments mentioned in the document were intended to conceal claims that the Illinois Republican sexually molested someone decades ago. The person spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because the investigation

is ongoing.

Hastert has not been charged with sexual abuse. But Burdge's story indicates there could be more victims beyond the "Individual A" named in the indictment.

Hastert did not respond to a message left on his cell phone early Friday. He has not been since in public since the indictment was announced. Emails and phone messages sent to his son, Ethan Hastert, also went unanswered.

The FBI did not respond to a request for comment on Burdge's allegations.

Reinboldt died in Los Angeles in 1995 at the age of 42. Burdge told ABC that he died of AIDS.

An obituary published in The (Aurora) Beacon News said Reinboldt had "a unique and fascinating mind" and was drawn to the arts, especially film, drama and music.

He was a manager of the wrestling team that Hastert coached, the AP found. He graduated in 1971 and later moved to the Los Angeles area, where he worked for Columbia Pictures in sales and distribution. □



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Ex-BP exec David Rainey not guilty of lying in oil spill

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Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Friday's acquittal of a former high-ranking BP executive charged with lying to investigators looking into the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill marked the latest setback for federal prosecutors pursuing criminal charges in the disaster.

A federal jury took about two hours to find David Rainey not guilty of making false statements. Days before, U.S. District Judge Kurt Engelhardt had tossed out a related charge that Rainey obstructed a congressional investigation of the spill. Engelhardt told jurors before discharging them Friday that he agreed with their verdict. Rainey's acquittal came days after prosecutors asked a federal appeals court to reinstate the conviction of a former BP engineer, Kurt Mix.

Mix, in 2013, had been acquitted on one criminal count but convicted on a charge that he knowingly deleted text messages about the spill. However, that victory for prosecutors was tossed out by a judge who said the verdict

was tainted by a jury forewoman's remark — to an apparently deadlocked panel — about something she had heard outside the courtroom.

The appeals court decision in the Mix case is pending. As for Rainey, he had been tasked, in the days after the Deepwater Horizon explosion, with calculating the amount of oil gushing into the gulf.

Prosecutors said he manipulated his calculations to match a far-too-low government estimate of the flow rate. He was charged with lying about having done so during an interview with federal investigators almost a year later.

"We respect the jury's verdict," said Leo Tsao, a prosecutor with a federal Deepwater Horizon task force. Environmental lawyer David Uhlmann said the government faced tough odds in the oil spill case.

"Today's verdict demonstrates how difficult it is to prosecute individuals when the primary culprit is a corporate culture run amok," Uhlmann, a University of Michigan law professor and former chief of the Justice Department's envi-



Defense attorneys Reid Weingarten, right, and Michael Wagner talk to reporters outside Federal Court in New Orleans after former BP executive David Rainey was found not guilty of making false statements to investigators in connection with the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill, Friday, June 5, 2015. (AP Photo/Rebecca Santana)

ronmental crimes section, said in an email.

"In its case against David Rainey, the Justice Department also faced a significant evidentiary hurdle, which is that no one knows how much oil gushed into the Gulf of Mexico during the Gulf oil spill," Uhlmann added.

Indeed, Rainey's attorneys built much of their defense

on the inability of anyone, in the early days of the spill, to figure out how much oil was flowing. And, they argued, an estimate was largely irrelevant because an all-out effort was being made to cap the well, regardless of how much was spewing.

"It was a fool's errand," defense lawyer Reid Weingarten said of Rainey's task. "It

was demanded by politicians and the press. And he reluctantly took up the cudgel and came up with his best response."

BP declined comment Friday. Rainey, whose defense was paid for by his former employer, smiled but declined to talk to reporters as he walked briskly out of the courtroom to hug family members. □

Amtrak train from Texas collides with large truck outside Chicago

WILMINGTON, Ill. (AP) — An Amtrak train headed to Chicago from San Antonio has slammed into a semitrailer at a crossing near the Illinois community of Wilmington.

Amtrak officials say no serious injuries have been reported at the scene of the crash Friday afternoon, about 60 miles southwest of Chicago.

The trailer of the truck was overturned and its contents were scattered along

the tracks. The truck's cab separated from the trailer and ended up on the other side of the train.

None of the cars of the train left the track as a result of the accident.

The train, the Texas Eagle, left San Antonio Thursday. It wasn't immediately known how many passengers were aboard the train. They were being placed on buses to complete their journeys to Chicago. □

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On social media, terror suspects left few signs of extremism

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Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Usaama Rahim liked an Islamic State page on Facebook but also spoke out against the kind of violence Islamic State extremists are fomenting across the Middle East.

In his public postings, the knife-wielding 26-year-old, who was fatally shot by members of Boston's Joint Terrorism Task Force on Tuesday, appeared to be a conservative Muslim, frowning on women plucking their eyebrows and musing on the proper length for men's robes.

His decision to like the Islamic State in Iraq page concerns some moderate Muslim leaders who reviewed his social media postings with The Associated Press, but they note he posted no bloody pictures and made none of the violent calls to arms



Ibrahim Rahim, second from right, brother of shooting victim Usaama Rahim, reacts with a relative during a news conference in Boston's Roslindale neighborhood in the area where Rahim was shot to death.

many supporters of armed extremist groups espouse on social media.

Killing people is anti-Islamic, Rahim wrote, arguing a key tenet of the faith is "we do not fight evil with that which causes a greater evil."

Rahim, who was buried in a private ceremony in Boston on Friday, had known he was being watched by the FBI: He posted about that, too, back in 2012, writing that he had hung up on an FBI agent who called want-

(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)
 ing to talk about "allegations."

"If you let them get close, trust me, they'll have you making statements about things that could get you jail-time," he wrote. "Try again, monkey-boys."

He taunted the agents again later that day, after he said an FBI agent had asked a neighbor about him.

"They are persistent but guess what, they got nothing on me. Keep on coming, you stupid fools and I'll sue the crap out of you for harassment," he wrote.

The task force intensified its surveillance of Rahim to an around-the-clock detail at least seven days before this week's fatal confrontation, after Rahim bought three military-style knives on Amazon.com. Agents listening to his phone calls also heard his nephew, David Wright, say something they interpreted as a reference to beheading, according to an FBI affidavit. Police Commissioner William Evans said officers decided to take Rahim down after he was overheard saying, "I'm just going to, ah, go after them, those boys in blue." □

2 more friends of Boston Bomber sentenced to prison

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AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Two college friends of marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev were sentenced Friday to prison after one tearfully apologized to the residents of Boston for impeding the investigation and the other had a former Massachusetts governor write a letter on his behalf in the hope of getting a lighter punishment.

Azamat Tazhayakov, 21, was sentenced to 3 1/2

years for impeding the investigation into the attack while authorities frantically searched for the bombers. He was convicted of conspiracy and obstruction of justice for agreeing with another friend to remove Tsarnaev's backpack from his dorm room at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. The backpack contained fireworks that had been emptied of their explosive powder.

Later on Friday, Robel Philipos was handed a three-

year sentence for lying to the FBI about being in Tsarnaev's dorm room days after the bombings.

The judge said Philipos was to blame for a "substantial diversion" of law enforcement resources.

"There's a price to be paid for the failure of responsibility," Judge Douglas Woodlock said.

Prosecutors had asked for a sentence of a little more than five years in prison. Philipos' lawyers had asked for two years of home con-

finement.

The sentence ultimately given to Philipos was the most lenient penalty imposed on the three friends who were charged.

Former Gov. Michael Dukakis, a friend of Philipos' family and the 1988 Democratic presidential nominee, wrote a letter of support for him and even testified during his trial.

In his letter to the judge, Dukakis wrote that he "can't understand why justice would be served by incar-

cerating him."

The bombings on April 15, 2013, killed three people and injured more than 260. Tsarnaev is awaiting formal sentencing after a jury condemned him to die for committing the attack with his now-dead older brother, Tamerlan.

Tazhayakov and two other men went to Tsarnaev's dorm room three days after the bombings, hours after the FBI released photos of the Tsarnaev brothers as suspects in the bombings. □

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US Financial Front:

American consumer borrowing up \$20.5 billion in April



Jazmin Donati, left, hands a customer his credit card after making a sale at Panther Coffee, in Miami. The Federal Reserve released its April report on consumer borrowing on Friday, June 5, 2015.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

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AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Con-

sumer borrowing surged again in April, helped by the largest gain in credit

card borrowing in a year. Consumer borrowing expanded by \$20.5 billion in April, the Federal Reserve reported Friday. That was down only slightly from a gain of \$21.3 billion in March which was the biggest increase in eight months. The strong gains pushed consumer credit to a fresh record of \$3.38 trillion. Borrowing in the category that includes credit cards jumped by \$8.6 billion, the largest rise in 12 months. Borrowing in the category that covers auto and student loans advanced a solid \$11.9 billion, after an even bigger \$16.5 billion increase in March. Economists expect con-

sumers, who have seen strong job gains over the past year, will keep borrowing and spending in coming months, helping to boost overall economic growth. The overall economy went into reverse during the January-March quarter, reflecting the adverse impacts from a harsh winter, cutbacks in investment by energy companies and a stronger dollar, which hurt U.S. export sales. The gross domestic product, the economy's total output of goods and services, contracted at an annual rate of 0.7 percent in the first quarter. But economists say it will rebound to growth of around 2 per-

cent to 2.5 percent in the second quarter, helped by stronger consumer spending. The expectation is that consumer spending will be supported in coming months by continued strong growth in employment. The Fed's monthly consumer credit report does not cover mortgages or any other loans secured by real estate such as home equity loans. The overall category is up 6.6 percent from a year ago. The category that covers credit cards has risen 3.2 percent in the past year while the category that includes auto and student loans is up a much stronger 7.9 percent. □

Buffett private lunch auction bidding could break records

AP Business Writer
OMAHA, Nebraska (AP) — The price of a private lunch with Warren Buffett is already near \$1.6 million, and that is likely to grow before the auction wraps up Friday evening. The Glide Foundation, which uses the auction proceeds to help the poor and homeless in San Francisco, hopes the bidding will reach record levels. The 2015 bids are still well below the 2012 winning bid of \$3,456,789 — the most expensive charity item ever sold on eBay. Last year's winning bid was \$2,166,766. Many people want Buffett's advice because the 84-year-old is revered as an investor and philanthropist. Buffett is chairman and chief executive of Berkshire Hathaway, and more than 40,000 people attended the company's annual meeting in May to listen to Buffett answer questions. Over the past 15 years, the lunch auction has raised

\$17.9 million for Glide, which provides meals, health care, job training, rehabilitation and housing support to the poor and homeless. The nonprofit relies on the event to generate part of its roughly \$18 million annual budget. Buffett has said the lunches generally last at least three hours and cover a variety of topics. The only topic off-limits is what Buffett plans to invest in next. "Every year, it's an interesting experience for me," Buffett said. "I've met a lot of great people in connection with it. Made new friends. Hired a person. Had a lot of good steaks, so I can't complain." One past winner, Ted Weschler, received a job offer after spending nearly \$5.3 million to win the 2010 and 2011 auctions. Weschler now works as an investment manager for Berkshire and gets to chat with Buffett on a regular basis. □

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Islamic State fighters at the gates of northern Syria city

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Islamic State militants fighting in Syria on Friday reached the southern gates of the predominantly Kurdish northeastern city of Hassakeh amid intense air raids and shelling, Syrian activists and the extremist group's radio station said. The push came as the U.N. Security Council expressed "outrage" at all the attacks against civilians in Syria, including those involving shelling and barrel bombs — bombings that have reportedly been used extensively in Aleppo, Syria's

largest city, and other areas in recent days, leaving many civilians dead. The Islamic State group has been attacking Hassakeh city since May 30, facing stiff resistance from government forces. The city has been split between government forces and Kurdish fighters who have been attacking IS positions elsewhere in the province. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human rights said that IS fighters captured a power station and an unfinished juvenile prison building just south of Hassakeh. IS radio station Al-Bayan



Islamic State militants pass by a convoy in Tel Abyad town, northeast Syria. In contrast to the failures of the Iraqi army, in Syria Kurdish fighters are on the march against the Islamic State group, capturing towns and villages in an oil-rich swath of the country's northeast in recent days, under the cover of U.S.-led airstrikes.

(Militant website via AP)



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said the militants were about one kilometer (mile) from the southern entrance in the city, claiming they have killed dozens of soldiers. The Observatory and the Local Coordination Com-

mittees say government warplanes repeatedly attacked IS forces near Hassakeh on Friday. The Observatory said 71 government troops as well as 48 IS fighters were killed in Hassakeh over the past week. □

2 killed in explosions at Kurdish rally in Turkey

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Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Two people died and more than 100 were injured after two explosions rocked a large Kurdish party election rally in southeast Turkey on Friday, the country's Agriculture Minister Mehdi Eker said. The blasts occurred five minutes apart at the rally of the pro-Kurdish People's Democratic Party, or HDP, as party leader Selahattin Demirtas was preparing to address the crowd of tens of thousands in Diyarbakir,

the main city in Turkey's predominantly Kurdish southeast.

It wasn't immediately clear how many of the injured were seriously hurt. Health Minister Mehmet Muezzinoglu had earlier said around 50 people were injured in the incident and 20 to 24 of them were being treated in hospitals.

An Associated Press journalist at the scene said the first blast occurred inside a garbage container while the second, more powerful one was inside a power distribution unit. □

Greek leader: cannot consent to 'irrational' proposals



Greece's Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras gives his speech during an emergency Parliament session in Athens, on Friday, June 5, 2015. Tsipras said that his government cannot accept "irrational" proposals like one made this week by the institutions overseeing Greece's bailout, and insisted any solution must also include some form of debt relief. (AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris)

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece cannot accept the "irrational" proposal made this week by its bailout creditors, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras told an emergency Parliament session Friday,

adding that any deal must also include some lightening of the country's crushing debt load.

"There is no question of our accepting an agreement that does not contain the prospect of debt restructuring" that would help Greece regain the market

access lost five years ago, Tsipras said.

Despite a significant write-down in 2012, Greece's debt remains huge, at nearly 180 percent of annual output. Bailout creditors had initially promised further respite, but details on their latest proposal leaked by

Athens made no mention of debt lightening.

Tsipras' speech came the morning after a surprise announcement that Greece would defer an IMF payment due Friday, and would instead bundle all four installments due in June — a total of 1.6 billion euros — into one payment at the end of the month.

It is the first time a developed economy has taken the option of bundling payments — an emergency maneuver allowed by the IMF but last used by Zambia in the 1980s.

The move highlighted the brinkmanship of Greece's protracted negotiations to release the remaining funds in its international bailout, and the dire state of the country's liquidity.

It sent the Athens Stock Exchange tumbling to close down nearly 5 percent, while the country's borrowing costs shot up, with the interest rate on the country's two-year bonds standing at 24.5 percent.

Without the 7.2 billion euros left in the 240 billion euro

bailout it has been relying on since 2010, Greece will be unable to meet its steep debt repayments to the IMF and the European Central Bank over the next few months. Bankruptcy looms, and with it a potential exit from the euro.

"Although Greece's liquidity situation is extremely delicate, the decision to delay the payments seems to have at least a partial political motivation," said Diego Iscarro, senior economist at HIS Global Insight.

"Essentially, the payment delay serves as a way to express the government's frustration over the 'last best offer' made by creditors to Greece." Tsipras faces growing anger from within his own radical left Syriza party, where hardliners, including some Cabinet members, have been calling for a break with creditors. At least two ministers said Friday that if the lenders don't back down, one option would be to call for elections and ask Greeks whether they want to remain in the euro at any cost. □

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Tariq Aziz, top aide to Saddam Hussein, dies in hospital

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Tariq Aziz, the debonair Iraqi diplomat who made his name by staunchly defending Saddam Hussein to the world during three wars and was later sentenced to death as part of the regime that killed hundreds of thousands of its own people, has died in a hospital in southern Iraq, officials said. He was 79.

Aziz, who had been in custody in a prison in the south awaiting execution, died Friday afternoon after he was taken to the al-Hussein hospital in the city of Nasiriyah following a heart attack, according to the provincial governor, Yahya

al-Nassiri.

Aziz, the highest-ranking Christian in Saddam's regime, was its international face for years. He was sentenced in 2010 to hang for persecuting members of the Shiite Muslim religious parties that now dominate Iraq.

His wife, Violet, had visited him in prison Thursday, their daughter Zeinab told The Associated Press in the Jordanian capital, Amman, where most of the family lives.

Her father had suffered several strokes that left him confined to a wheelchair and unable to speak during their parents' final meeting, she said.

"He didn't move. He couldn't talk. He didn't



In this September, 1990 photo, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz slams a book of United Nations resolutions at a news conference in Moscow, Russia. Tariq Aziz, the debonair Iraqi diplomat who made his name by staunchly defending Saddam Hussein to the world during three wars and was later sentenced to death as part of the regime that killed hundreds of thousands of its own people, has died in a hospital in southern Iraq. He was 79.

(AP Photo/Liu Heung Shing)

say a word to her. He just looked at her," said Zeinab, 46, fighting back tears.

"It is so sad that he had to go this way," she said, speaking outside the family's Amman home, where friends and relatives gathered. "So sad that he didn't see his grandchildren, so sad that he had to spend his last years alone, sick and alone, and in this very humiliating circumstance." "But I want people to remember what he did," she added. "He really fought for his country, in his own way."

Al-Nassiri, the governor of Dhi Qar province, said doctors could not save Aziz at the hospital in Nasiriyah, about 320 kilometers (200 miles) southeast of Baghdad.

"The medical staff did their best to rescue him, but they failed. It is God's will," he said, adding that Aziz had been a chain smoker and suffered from diabetes and high blood pressure for a long time. Local Iraqi authorities later told the family

it can take Aziz's body from the hospital morgue.

The only Christian among Saddam's inner circle, Aziz's religion rescued him from the hangman's noose that was the fate of other members of the top regime leadership.

After he was sentenced to death, the Vatican asked for mercy for him as a Christian. Iraq's president at the time, Jalal Talabani, then refused to give the death sentence his required signature, citing Aziz's age and religion.

Even before he was sentenced, the ailing Aziz appeared to know that he would die in custody. He had had several strokes while in custody undergoing trial multiple times for various regime crimes.

"I have no future. I have no future," Aziz told The AP, looking frail and speaking with difficulty because of a recent stroke, in a jail-house interview in September 2010. At that stage, he had been sentenced to more than two decades in

prison.

"I'm sick and tired but I wish Iraq and Iraqis well," he said.

Elegant and eloquent, Aziz spoke fluent English, smoked Cuban cigars and was loyal to Saddam to the last, even naming one of his sons after the dictator. His posts included that of foreign minister and deputy prime minister, and he sat on the Revolutionary Command Council, the highest body in Saddam's regime. His main role was as the regime's go-to man to communicate with the West. To the world, he was one of the most recognizable faces from Iraq during Saddam's rule: silver haired, with a mustache and trademark dark-rimmed glasses. A skilled operator in the halls of the United Nations, he was the regime's front-man in dealing with U.N. inspectors trying to track and assure the dismantling of Saddam's weapons of mass destruction.

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Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi to visit China next week

BEIJING (AP) — Myanmar pro-democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi will visit Communist Party-ruled China for five days next week. Suu Kyi, who is an international symbol of democracy for her yearslong defiance of an authoritarian military regime in Myanmar, now has ambitions for her country's presidency, which would involve the need for smooth relations with Beijing. Suu Kyi will visit from June 10 to 14 as chairwoman of her National League for Democracy party at the invitation of China's Communist Party for an inter-party exchange between the two countries, China's Foreign Ministry announced Friday. "China has maintained long-term friendship with Myanmar's various parties including the National League for Democracy," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said at a news briefing. □

China ship righted to resume search for missing



Paramilitary policemen in white overalls wait to recover bodies from the Eastern Star after it is righted and lifted by cranes in the Yangtze River in Jianli county in southern China's Hubei province Friday June 5, 2015. The smashed up white-and-blue Eastern Star emerged from gray waters of the Yangtze River on Friday as Chinese disaster teams raised the capsized ship with cranes to better search for hundreds still missing.

(Chinatopix Via AP)

C. BODEEN

Associated Press

JIANLI, China (AP) — The banged-up, white-and-blue Eastern Star emerged from gray waters of the Yangtze River on Friday as Chinese disaster teams raised the capsized ship with cranes to better search for nearly 340 people still missing. So far, 103

bodies have been found. The focus shifted from finding survivors to retrieving bodies trapped since the river cruise ship capsized suddenly during a storm Monday night on the trip from Nanjing to Chongqing. Authorities have attributed the accident to weather, but also have placed the

surviving captain and first engineer under police custody. Passengers' relatives have raised questions about whether the ship should have continued its cruise after the storm started and despite a weather warning earlier in the evening.

In a sign of potential unrest among the hundreds of relatives who have descended on the small Hubei province county of Jianli, one distraught family member burst into a gathering of journalists to complain about their treatment and demand an investigation into possible human error.

"All the emphasis is on a natural disaster ... but we think that this is unjust," said Xia Yunchen, a 70-year-old university lecturer. "Apart from natural disaster were there other causes? Is this not rational to ask?"

Xia, whose older brother Xia Qinchun, from the eastern coastal city of Qingdao, was a passenger, demanded that relatives

be allowed to view their loved ones' bodies before they are cremated. In past disasters, authorities have instead cremated bodies and delivered ashes to the victims' families, in keeping with the tight management of the aftermath of disasters and fears of spiraling unrest.

"Why do you view the common people as your enemies?" Xia cried out. "There's no human feeling, can't we change this habit?"

Many of the more than 450 people on the cruise ship were reported to be retirees taking in the Yangtze's scenic vistas.

With 103 confirmed dead and 339 missing, the capsizing is likely to become the country's deadliest boat disaster in seven decades. The 14 survivors include three who found air pockets in the overturned boat and were pulled out by divers on Tuesday after rescuers tapped the hull and heard yelling in response. □

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Mexican elections marred by pre-balloting violence

MARK STEVENSON
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Violence threatened Mexico's mid-term weekend elections as radical teachers on Friday attacked the offices of political parties, marched in protest and vowed to block the voting. The Sunday elections for Congress, governorships and mayorships have already claimed the lives of three candidates, one would-be candidate, and at least a dozen campaign workers or activists. But unlike the years from

2010 to 2012, when the violence appeared to come largely from drug cartels, radical movements now appear to pose the greatest threat. Radical teachers on Friday burned or attacked the offices of five political parties in Tuxtla Gutierrez, the capital of the southern state of Chiapas.

They broke into the offices, ransacked the contents — computers, paperwork and furniture — and burned it in the street. In the southern state of Guerrero, unidentified as-

sailants tossed an explosive device at the offices of the conservative National Action Party, damaging the windows. There have been tense moments in recent days as army and police forces faced off with protesters intent on breaking into electoral offices to burn ballots, as they have done in recent days.

"I think this is the worst (election violence) in a lot of ways," said Jesus Silva-Herzog Marquez of the Monterrey Technological University. "We didn't have



State and Federal police in riot gear chase students of the Rural Normal School of Ayotzinapa after they tried to reach the city of Chilpancingo to protest near the town of Tixtla, Mexico.

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this level of violence even in 1994, when we had elections at the same time as the Zapatista guerrilla conflict."

The teachers have issued wildly ambitious demands, including 100 percent pay hikes and the end of a constitutionally-mandated teacher evaluation system. In the colonial city of Oaxaca, radical teachers have

burned ballots and blocked gasoline distribution facilities. Their leaders told local media they would block elections, even if they got the pay hikes.

"They are using pressure, not to get any demand met, but rather to block the elections, that is their goal," said Raul Benitez, a security expert at Mexico's National Autonomous University. □

Colombia: Young daughter of security official is kidnapped

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombian authorities are offering \$40,000 for help finding the kidnapped daughter of a high-profile security official.

The 11-year-old girl was kidnapped Thursday afternoon in the northern city of Cucuta, on the border with Venezuela. Her father, Diego Mora, is the director of Colombia's National Protection Unit, which is in charge of protecting high-profile public figures, including ministers and members of congress.

National police director Rodolfo Palomino announced the reward Friday. He said the girl had been in a car with her driver Thursday

when a group of men entered the vehicle. He declined to say whether the kidnappers had contacted the family.

"We're doing everything we can to bring her home," he said.

President Juan Manuel Santos said police are working their hardest to find the girl and have been in constant contact with the family.

"It is the fervent wish of all Colombians that this girl's life be respected," he said. "It's a terrible event."

Interior Minister Juan Fernando Cristo has traveled to Cucuta, and is imploring that there be no more kidnappings. □



DJ/Producer & Audio Engineer for Jay Z and Beyonce teaching in Art Rules!

--The legendary **YOUNG GURU** also known as **Jay Z's right hand** is coming to Aruba to teach the DJ workshops in Art Rules with returning teacher **DJ Face**.

ORANJESTAD - Having selected an extraordinary team of Educators whom are at the top in the field, Art Rules has this year realized to put together an amazing team of master teachers for this years' Master Edition. Including, legendary mix engineer, Gimel "Young Guru" Keaton known as the man behind the iconic sound of world-renowned artist Jay-Z. Over the course of the last twenty years Guru has become one of the most influential minds

in audio engineering. Initially known for his award-winning audio mixes on some of the most successful commercial releases in the history of modern music he is also highly regarded for his unique ability to communicate complex technical terms, to not only students but creatives and business professionals alike. Young Guru has spoken at numerous universities such as the Clive Davis Institute of Recorded Music a New York University also remaining one of the most sought after audio engineers in music today. From old school to the new comers he does it all and with names such as R&B/Pop Diva Beyonce or Rap Icon and Oscar Winner Com-



mon on his roster, he is still defining most of the music we listen to today. Joining Young Guru for the 2nd week of the program Art Rules re introduces, Washington DC based Sean Armstrong also known as Art Rules 2010-2012 DJ Teacher, **DJ FACE**. DJ Face is best known for being able to connect with his listeners with his talent for excellent song selection, seamless blends, and superb timing to keep the dance floor moving all

night.

In addition he performs as a DJ across borders from London, Amsterdam, Germany, Hog Kong and everything in between. DJ Face has also spun alongside artists and bands such as Saturday Night Live house band The Roots, Rap Legend Pete Rock and DJ Icon Kid Capri, to name a few.

With Young Guru and DJ Face each teaching 1 week in the program, this years' DJ workshop is expected to be the most well rounded workshop ever presented in the program. Brining in the expertise, experience and knowledge of both Young Guru and DJ face, will bring forward a curriculum that includes the full package in DJ-ing and Producing.

Art Rules Aruba #6 will kick off on July 20th till July 31st at the Arts Academy Aruba also known as the Rietveld Academy. On August 1st 2015 the program will present a big showcase to take place at the same location. To sign up or for more information on the DJ class, as well as the other disciplines, Music & Performance, Creative Writing,

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The honorees were Mr. William and Mrs. Jeannie Speed of Marietta, Georgia.

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Sailing Stars Encourage Everyone to make Bart's Bash the World's Largest Sailing Event

ORANJESTAD - Bart's Bash, the global sailing event in aid of the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation, has launched participant sign up with the help of some of the world's best in the sport of sailing. Sailors including Sir Robin-Knox-Johnston, Sir Ben Ainslie, Tom Slingsby and Shirley Robertson OBE feature in a short film which aims to encourage sailors and non-sailors from across the world to take to the water on 20 September 2015. This is the second time the remarkable sailing event will take place. Bart's Bash was conceived in 2014 as a participation event in memory of Andrew "Bart" Simpson. It grew beyond all expectations with over 30700 people taking part in the event across more than 50 countries and raised over £360,000 for the charity started in Bart's name. In January 2015 Bart's Bash was named



officially the largest sailing race in the world by Guinness World Records. The aim of the 2015 campaign is to increase participation even further across the world with the ultimate goal of becoming the world's biggest sporting event. Any sailing clubs, community sailing programmes, sail training centres, yacht clubs, scout groups, sea cadets and even groups of sailors globally can hold a Bart's Bash race. With an aim to make Bart's

Bash the biggest sporting event in the World the team have introduced Bart's Buddies to the event. This is a great opportunity for those who already sail to introduce friends, family and work colleagues to the sport and to give them an unforgettable experience on the water. Another exciting new concept added by the team is the Bart's Bash Buoy race. This is possibly the easiest way to get lots of people on the water and involved in the event, without the



need of a set start time, start line, complex course and the full racing management, venues can run a simple 'race' from the shore to a mark (Bart's Buoy) and back to shore. ASSF Trustee Iain Percy OBE said "last year was an incredible event so this year we have decided to do it all over again. This time we want to get even more people on the water so we have introduced Bart's Buddies. We have all promised our friends and family to take them sailing one day

so why not this day, a day where we can have fun together and remember Bart whilst doing so. Now that the sign up process is live I urge and encourage everyone to sign up to take part and be a part of this ground breaking event". Bart's Bash is one of the valuable fund raising events for the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation, allowing it to facilitate a range of sustainable projects, using sailing to transform the lives of children and young people globally.

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Cleveland Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving (2) dribbles against the Golden State Warriors during the first half of Game 1 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Thursday, June 4, 2015.

Associated Press

Cavs' Irving has fractured knee cap, out for 3-4 months

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Cleveland Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving has a fractured left knee cap and will have surgery that rules him out of the rest of the NBA Finals. The Cavaliers said Friday that an MRI exam at Stanford Sports Medicine Clinic revealed the injury and that Irving's projected recovery time was three to four months. Irving limped off the court during overtime of Cleveland's 108-100 loss to Golden State on Thursday night in Game 1 of the NBA Finals. He left the arena on crutches, and Cavs coach David Blatt said he heard Irving was still on crutches Friday morning. The team said surgery will be performed at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland by Cavaliers head team physician Dr. Richard Parker. Before learning of Irving's diagnosis, Blatt said the

team hoped the All-Star point guard would be able to play Sunday in Game 2, but that the Cavaliers would adjust if not. They are already without Kevin Love because of a shoulder injury. "As far as how we prepare, we've been through this. We've played games without Kevin, without Kyrie," Blatt said. "We know how we want to play when they're not in there. From that standpoint, we can prepare. Our main concern right now though is just Kyrie's health. That's all." Irving has been bothered by foot and then knee pain for most of his first postseason. He missed two games during the Eastern Conference finals, but played well Thursday, finishing with 23 points before leaving with 2 minutes left in the extra period. Matthew Dellavedova stepped in during Irving's

absence in the last round but played only 9 scoreless minutes Thursday. LeBron James said Friday the Cavs would be prepared no matter who was available. "Well, there are a few things that you would love to have going late in the season," he said. "That's being healthy, having a great rhythm, and then you need a little luck as well. We've had a great rhythm. We haven't had much luck, and we haven't been healthy. But I haven't gotten discouraged. "I understand the moment that I'm in, and I'm not too much worried about the game. I'm worried about the moment. I'm happy with the moment. I'm excited to be in this moment once again, and I'm going to stay strong for my team, no matter who is or is not in the lineup." □

Djokovic-Murray French semifinal suspended; winner faces Wawrinka

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — Novak Djokovic has waited and waited to win his first French Open title and complete a career Grand Slam, worrying about when — or perhaps even whether — he would get another chance after coming close in recent years.

Now Djokovic must ponder all of that a little longer: His semifinal against Andy Murray was suspended in the fourth set Friday night, initially halted because of an impending storm and then put off altogether when the rain did arrive minutes later.

The No. 1-seeded Djokovic won the first two sets 6-3, 6-3 and appeared to be in control, before No. 3 Murray took the third 7-5. At 3-all in the fourth, with dark clouds moving in and light fading, they were ushered off the court. Djokovic and Murray will resume Saturday at 1 p.m. local time, a little more than 16 hours after they stopped.

The eventual winner will face a much-more-rested Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland in Sunday's final.

The eighth-seeded Wawrinka, who eliminated Roger Federer in the quarterfinals, followed that up by defeating France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-3, 6-7 (1), 7-6 (3), 6-4 in Friday's opening semifinal. Wawrinka succeeded largely on the strength of one statistic: He saved 16 of 17 break points.

There were a few whistles and jeers directed at Wawrinka after he ended Tsonga's bid to give France a men's champion at its own tournament, something that last happened when Yannick Noah won in 1983.

"Jo is always a tough player to play," Wawrinka said, "especially when he's playing at home."

The first chants of "Son-gah! Son-gah!" accompanied by rhythmic clapping arrived before the first point was played, and they returned over and over at key junctures, as did yells

of "Allez, Jo!" and other support for Tsonga that prompted the chair umpire to ask for quiet.

The temperature topped 90 degrees (32 Celsius) at Court Philippe Chatrier, and the players wrapped towels filled with ice around their necks at changeovers to try to cool off.

"Heat didn't bother me," Tsonga said. "My opponent made my life difficult."

A year ago, after winning the Australian Open championship, Wawrinka lost in the first round in Paris. Now he's into his first French Open final and second at a major.

For Djokovic, so much is at stake this weekend.

Finish off Murray, and he would face Wawrinka with a chance to become only the eighth man in tennis history to own at least one trophy from each of the sport's four most prestigious tournaments, adding to his five from the Australian Open, two from Wimbledon and one from the U.S. Open. □



Spectators leave as stadium employees cover center court because of approaching rainstorms which caused the semi-final match of the French Open tennis tournament between Britain's Andy Murray and Serbia's Novak Djokovic to be postponed till Saturday at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Friday, June 5, 2015.

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Distance, rivals challenge American Pharoah's Triple try

BETH HARRIS

AP Racing Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — All that separates American Pharoah from being the first U.S. Triple Crown winner in 37 years is 1 1/2 miles (2,400 meters) and seven rivals determined to make him earn a victory in the Belmont Stakes. Twelve horses before him have tried to complete the sweep of the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, and Belmont, and failed since 1978. Now it's American Pharoah's turn on Saturday.

The bay colt with the unusually short tail appears to have come through the Derby and Preakness with energy to spare, and he'll need it in the longest and most grueling race of the three. American Pharoah galloped around the big Belmont oval on Thursday before visiting the paddock where he will be saddled on race day. He is the heavy 3-5 early favorite.

He either follows Affirmed's sweep in 1978, and boosts the struggling



American Pharoah made his second appearance at the Belmont Park Racetrack in Queens Village, N.Y. on Thursday, June 4, 2015. Associated Press

horse racing industry in the U.S., or becomes just another miss.

"There's a lot of anxiety," said Bob Baffert, the only trainer to lose the Belmont three times with horses that won the first two legs. "I don't even think about the history."

If there's rain in the forecast, give the edge to American Pharoah, who

romped to a seven-length win in the Preakness after a massive downpour occurred as the horses were going to the starting gate.

The colt's grand-sire, Empire Maker, won the 2003 Belmont, spoiling Funny Cide's Triple Crown bid.

This time, the competition seems committed to

sticking closer to American Pharoah, whose preferred running style is at the front, although he's shown he can sit off the early pace and win. How many of the horses press the early pace will determine who has enough gas left for the 1,097-yard (1,003-meter) run down the final straight. "I want him to break cleanly and freely," Baffert said, "and have Victor put him in the mode where he's comfortable. I'm sure they're all going to be pretty close together."

Just as horses aren't used to running 1 1/2 miles, jockeys aren't used to riding races that long, either. The Belmont has undone some who have moved too soon and burned out their horses. Others have moved too late and let the leaders get away.

The track's deep, sandy surface can prove tiring to run on, the turns are sweeping, and the poles used by jockeys to judge their location are placed differently than at the

mile (1,600-meter) tracks where most of them ride.

American Pharoah's California-based jockey, Victor Espinoza, has experience in the Belmont, having lost two other Triple tries, with California Chrome last year and War Emblem in 2002.

"If he's happy, it's all going to be easy," Espinoza said. "If he's not happy, you're going to force things and he's not ready to do it."

American Pharoah will be the only horse to run in all three Triple Crown races this year. Five of his rivals already lost to him in the Derby, one was beaten by him in the Preakness, while another is new to the series.

Made from lucky, who along with Materiality are trainer Todd Pletcher's two entries, has trained and won at Belmont Park. How American Pharoah handles the extra quarter-mile (400 meters) in the Belmont will be crucial to his chances.

"If American Pharoah can get a mile and a half on Saturday, all of our hats will be off to him," said Jerry Crawford, who owns 20-1 shot Keen Ice. "But it's our job to do what we can to make the race honest."

Kieran McLaughlin, who trains 5-1 second choice Frosted, said: "We hope people are booing us after the race. We don't mind a Triple Crown winner, just not this year."

Luck — either good or bad — plays a role in the Belmont, too.

Real Quiet was denied horse racing immortality in 1998 by a nose, which still haunts trainer Baffert.

"One-and-a-half miles is the biggest issue," he said. "It's a test of greatness and he'll let us know." □



NBA Finals

Warriors hold off James, Cavs for 108-100 OT win in Game 1



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) and Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) walk on the floor during the second half of Game 1 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Thursday, June 4, 2015.

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
AP Basketball Writer
OAKLAND, California (AP) — Golden State overcame a big performance by LeBron James to beat Cleveland 108-100 in overtime on Thursday to take the opening game of the NBA Finals.

In the NBA decider for the first time in 40 years, the Warriors rallied from an early 14-point deficit, absorbed a Finals personal-best 44 points from James and shut down Cleveland in the extra session, when league MVP Stephen Curry stood tall for the Warriors.

"It was just a classic five minutes that we needed to get that win," Curry said of the overtime.

James shot 18 of 38 from the field and had eight rebounds and six assists in 46 minutes. But the four-time MVP missed a long jumper in the dying seconds of regulation time which likely would have won it, and Cleveland missed its first eight shots of overtime.

Adding to the Cavs' frustration, point guard Kyrie Irving limped to the locker

room after aggravating his troublesome left leg in overtime. He did not return.

With Kevin Love already out, the Cavs can ill afford to lose Irving for Game 2 on Sunday in Oakland.

"You can see in the tone of my voice I'm a little worried," said Irving, who buried his head in his hands at his locker and left on crutches.

Warriors coach Steve Kerr said he hopes Irving is able to play the remainder of the series.

"I mean that," Kerr said. "You probably don't believe me, but I mean that."

There were 13 lead changes and 11 ties in a game tightly contested across the board. There was little edge in shooting (Warriors 44.3 percent, Cavaliers 41.5 percent), rebounding (Warriors 48, Cavaliers 45) or assists (Warriors 24, Cavaliers 19).

In the end, it came down to the NBA's top teams and biggest stars making plays — or not.

James and newly crowned MVP Curry (26 points and

eight assists) carried their clubs through the fourth quarter, trading scores and assists in a back-and-forth duel.

Both stars also had a chance to win the game in the closing seconds of regulation.

With the scores tied, Curry beat Irving off the dribble and moved in for the layup. Instead, Irving blocked the shot from behind, J.R. Smith came up with the rebound and the Cavs called a timeout with 24.1 seconds left.

James dribbled down the clock and missed his jump shot from just inside the left arc. Iman Shumpert just got off a desperation shot which nearly rimmed in at the buzzer.

The Cavs never came so close again, due to a series of misfires in overtime.

"I got to where I wanted to get, step back, made them before," James said. "It's a make or miss league, and we had our chances."

James hit a game-winning 3 over Iguodala two seasons ago with Miami from

almost the same spot. Iguodala wasn't about to let it happen again.

"I kind of knew that play he wanted to get into, just going left, step back, and I was right there on him," Iguodala said.

Curry drew two fouls at the start of overtime and made all four free throws, and Harrison Barnes hit a corner 3 just in front of the Cavs bench to give Gold-

en State a 105-98 lead with 2:02 to play.

Irving limped to the bench trying to shake off his troublesome left leg after the play.

The Warriors went ahead 108-98 on free throws with 1:16 to play, effectively ending the contest.

James' uncontested layup with 8.9 seconds left accounted for Cleveland's only points in overtime. □



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Lingmerth has 1-shot lead; Tiger survives another cut

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — David Lingmerth took a step toward turning his game around with a 7-under 65 at the Memorial on Friday. It gave the Swede a one-shot lead going into a weekend that includes Tiger Woods. But just barely.

Long after Lingmerth capped off a bogey-free round at Muirfield Village, Woods was 40 yards away from the flag on the 18th green and in dire need of getting up-and-down to save par and avoid missing his first cut at the tournament he has won five times. For his second straight tournament, he holed a key putt to survive.

"At least I was able to make those putts, so that's a positive sign," Woods said after his 2-under 70. "Now I just need to put myself in the position where those putts are to win tournaments, not to make cuts."

He was 11 shots behind Lingmerth, who was at 12-under 132.

Woods had to hang on, making two straight bogeys before his par save on the final hole. For Jason Dufner, it was a thrill a minute.

Dufner made a 5 on a par 3 and a 3 on a par 5. And that was before he made a hole-in-one — his fourth eagle of the week — on the par-3 16th hole. He followed that with a bogey. It was relatively boring after that, and the former PGA champion wound up with a 67 that put him in final group with Lingmerth, just one shot behind.

Dufner didn't have much to



David Lingmerth, of Sweden, reacts after a birdie on the 18th hole during the second round of the Memorial golf tournament, Friday, June 5, 2015, in Dublin, Ohio.

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say — he rarely does, even when he won the PGA Championship two years ago — and spoke only to Ohio-based reporters. Until a tie for eighth last week at the AT&T Byron National, he had gone just over a year without a top 10 on American soil. The only time he made news was when his divorce was reported.

"I'm hitting it really good,"

Dufner said. "I'm having enough good holes, good shots, to offset some of the mistakes I've had."

Ryan Moore, gearing up for a U.S. Open near his hometown outside Tacoma, Washington, had another 67 and was at 10-under 134, along with Andy Sullivan of England, who can earn a spot at Chambers Bay with a good week at

the Memorial.

A trio of past champions — Hideki Matsuyama, Jim Furyk and Justin Rose — were in the group that was three shots behind. Joining them was Patrick Rodgers, who made eight birdies in a round of 66 and is poised to at least secure temporary membership on the PGA Tour.

Good scores were stacked up behind them. There were plenty of birdies available on a course that still presents trouble around every corner.

"Every shot gets your attention," Rose said.

It got the attention of Masters champion Jordan Spieth. He went out in 31 and was creeping up on the lead when he wound up on the wrong side of the 10th green and made double bogey, and he never recovered. Spieth missed a half-dozen putts from 10 feet or in and had to settle for a 70 that put him six shots behind.

Phil Mickelson made a late eagle for a 68 and was in the group at 4-under 140.

Kenny Perry made bogey on his last hole for a 73 and missed the cut by one shot. The 54-year-old took a career money exemption for the year so he could end his career at the Memorial, which he won two times.

Lingmerth had missed four cuts in his last five starts, and the start of this tournament was ominous when he was 2 over through four holes. He made seven birdies on his last 12 holes on Thursday, and he made seven more Friday.

"I started giving myself

some opportunities and the putts started dropping in," Lingmerth said.

Dufner was tied for the lead late Thursday until he hit his tee shot into the water on the 18th and made double bogey.

He started Friday on the back nine and was in trouble early when he hit into the water on the par-3 12th and had to make a 4-footer to salvage double bogey. His fortunes changed quickly. He hit a wedge to 5 feet for birdie on the 14th. He hit hybrid into 6 feet for eagle on the 15th. And then he hit 6-iron into the hole on the par-3 16th.

Five under on three holes goes a long way.

"Probably the best I've ever done," Dufner said.

Woods, meanwhile, opened with three birdies in four holes, though he was still wild off the tee. He mixed bogeys with birdies and was in reasonable shape at 3 under for the tournament until he missed the 16th green long and made bogey, and then found a deep patch of rough just off the left side of the fairway at the 17th, had to lay up and could get no closer than 30 feet from 100 yards. That bogey put him on the cut line, and he popped up his 3-wood off the 18th tee into rough. But he saved his par and saved his weekend.

This is the third straight tournament that Woods made the cut, something he hasn't done in a year. He believes he is making progress, though the bar has been lowered significantly at the moment. □



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You've been hacked ... do this right now

BY BRANDON BAILEY
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AP Business Writers

The entire U.S. federal workforce may be at risk after yet another intrusion from what security experts believe were hackers based in China. The Department of Homeland Security says that data from the Office of Personnel Management — the human resources department for the federal government — and the Interior Department has been infiltrated.

It is not the first and it follows massive data breaches at health insurance companies, major U.S. banks like JPMorgan and retailers such as Target and Home Depot. Here's what to do if you think you've been compromised.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

— Notify the credit agencies (Equifax, Experian, TransUnion) and request a 90-day credit alert. (Each reporting agency is supposed to notify the others, but you may want to contact all three yourself.) The alert tells businesses to contact you before opening any new accounts in your name. You can renew the alert every 90 days, or you're entitled to keep it in effect for seven years if you find that your identity is stolen and file a report with police.

— You might consider asking the reporting agencies to place a full freeze on your credit. This blocks any business from checking your credit to open a new account, so it's a stronger measure than a credit alert. BUT you should weigh that against the hassle of notifying credit agencies to lift the freeze — which can take a few days — every time you apply for a loan, open a new account or even sign up for utility service.



A gate leading to the Homeland Security Department headquarters in northwest Washington, Friday, June 5, 2015. China-based hackers are suspected once again of breaking into U.S. government computer networks, and the entire federal workforce could be at risk this time.

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BE A DETECTIVE

— When your credit card bill comes, check closely for any irregularities. And don't overlook small charges. Crooks are known to charge smaller amounts, usually under \$10, to see if you notice. If you don't, they may charge larger amounts later.

— Get a free credit report once a year from at least one of the major reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian, TransUnion), and review it for unauthorized accounts. Ignore services that charge a fee for credit reports. You can order them without charge at www.annualcreditreport.com. If you order from each agency once a year, you could effectively check your history every four months.

DO PAID SERVICES WORK?

— Some experts say there's not much to be gained from a paid credit monitoring service. But it can't hurt to sign up for any monitoring offered for free by a company

or any other entity that may have held your information when it was hacked. NOTE: These services will tell you if a new account is opened in your name, but they won't prevent it, and many don't check for things like bogus cellphone accounts, fraudulent applications for government benefits or claims for medical benefits. Some do offer limited insurance or help from a staffer trained to work with credit issuers and reporting agencies. **SOMEONE DID STEAL MY IDENTITY, WHAT DO I DO?**

— Contact the credit issuer to dispute fraudulent charges and have the bogus account closed.

— Request your credit report and ask the reporting agencies to remove bogus accounts or any incorrect information from your record. See tip #1 on setting up a credit alert and/or freeze.

— Submit a report through the FTC website: www.consumer.ftc.gov. Click the "pri-

vacy & identity" tab, which will walk you through creating an affidavit you can show to creditors.

— Keep copies of all reports and correspondence. Use certified mail to get delivery receipts, and keep notes on every phone call.

AVOID ADDITIONAL HACKS

— After a hack, scammers may try to use the stolen data to trick you into giving up more personal information. They can use that info to steal money in your accounts or open new credit cards.

— Don't click on any links from emails. Bad software could be downloaded to your computer that can steal account passwords.

— You might get letters in the mail saying you won a tablet or vacation and give you a phone number to call. Don't do it. It's likely a ploy to gather more information from you.

— Hang up the phone if you get a call asking for account numbers or other information. Scammers may also send texts, so don't click on any links from numbers you don't know.

ONE MORE RESOURCE:

The FTC now has a website www.identitytheft.gov that provides step-by-step advice and more information on what to do if you think you have been the victim of a data breach. □

Yahoo to shut down maps and other sections

NEW YORK (AP) — Yahoo will close its maps page, and several other sites, as it focuses on its search business, communication tools and content.

The Internet company said Friday that it will close its map, which gives users driving directions and traffic conditions, at the end of the month.

Yahoo will also close several sites worldwide, including Yahoo Music in Canada and France, Yahoo Movies in Spain and Yahoo Autos in the U.K. Yahoo's main Philippines page will also close, and users will be sent to Yahoo Singapore instead.

The company announced the closings in a blog post. A Yahoo representative declined to comment further. Yahoo Inc. is streamlining its business as it tries to increase its audience and capture more ad dollars. It announced a deal Wednesday to show a live NFL game, and it has signed other content deals with media companies. □

Wall Street Wrap: Burst of hiring drives US bonds lower

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A burst of hiring last month led to a drop in the bond market Friday as traders placed bets that the Federal Reserve would raise interest rates later this year. Despite the good economic news, the stock market drifted to another loss, finishing lower for the second week in a row.

The Labor Department reported that U.S. employers added 280,000 workers to their payrolls in May and also tweaked its estimate of hiring in March and April, raising hiring numbers for the two months by a combined 32,000.

Traders reacted immediately to the report, dropping U.S. government bonds and shooting yields up. The benchmark 10-year Treasury note bounced to a high for the year, 2.43 percent, before drifting back to 2.40 percent. The dollar gained

finished mixed. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 56.12 points, or 0.3 percent, to 17,849.46.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 3.01 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,092.83, while the Nasdaq edged up 9.33 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,068.46.

Big banks and other companies that benefit from rising interest rates made gains: JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, PNC Financial Services hit all-time highs.

Jeremy Zirin, head of investment strategy at UBS Wealth Management, said the rapid rise in interest rates over recent months has unsettled some investors. In April, when traders were more concerned about the strength of the global economy, the yield on the 10-year Treasury slipped below 1.90 percent.

In general, a rise in interest rates reflects economic growth, but a quick leap could slow the economy

to the International Monetary Fund. The move heightened concerns that the country could default on its debts and drop the euro. It was the first time a developed country has taken the option of rolling debt payments together, an emergency move last taken up last by Zambia in the 1980s. At an emergency session of Greece's parliament on Friday, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said his government cannot accept "irrational" proposals like one made this week by the international organizations overseeing Greece's bailout.

Greece's stock market led the way lower. The benchmark Athens index slumped 5 percent. Elsewhere, both France's CAC 40 and Germany's DAX ended with a loss of 1.3 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 sank 0.8 percent.

Japan's Nikkei 225 finished with a drop of 0.1 percent, and South Korea's Kospi fell 0.2 percent. In China,



Trader Michael Milano works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, June 5, 2015. A strong jobs report knocked U.S. government bond and stock prices down as investors bet that the Federal Reserve could raise interest rates later this year. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

strength against the Japanese yen and other major currencies.

"I was pleasantly surprised," said Russell Price, Ameriprise Financial's senior economist. "This adds to the recent spate of positive data that shows the economy is really pulling out of its winter slump."

But major stock indexes

down by triggering a sudden drop in lending.

Zirin said investors "want to see the rise in bond yields be more tempered. They can handle higher interest rates as long as they come at a measured pace."

In Europe, markets were rattled by Greece's decision to bundle together its upcoming payments

Hong Kong's Hang Seng dropped 1.1 percent, and the Shanghai Composite Index gained 1.5 percent. Precious and industrial metals futures settled mostly lower. Gold lost \$7.10 to \$1,168.10 an ounce, and silver slipped 12 cents to \$15.98 an ounce. Copper picked up a penny to close at \$2.69 a pound.

OPEC keeps oil output target on hold, predicts low prices

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Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — OPEC decided to keep its oil output target on hold Friday and predicted prices would remain low for the foreseeable future — good news for both for oil-hungry international industries and consumers at the gas pump.

The cartel said its output level would remain at 30 million barrels a day despite the fact that prices were still low compared with a year ago. It left it to member states to restrain any overproduction, an acknowledgment of the cartel's inability to enforce its own limits as it struggles to control world supply and prices.

With non-OPEC oil producing countries ready to ramp up production if prices go much above present levels, OPEC's secretary general said the cost of crude will stay relatively low for a while.

"The reality now is that we cannot have these \$100 (prices) anymore," Abdullah al-Badri told reporters.

The international price of crude was down \$1.62 at \$62.10 after Friday's announcement, having traded above \$115 a barrel in 2014.

While the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries accounts for over a third of the world's oil, its power to determine supply and demand has been steadily eroding as outsiders capture large shares of the market. It gave up imposing quotas on individual members four years ago after these were consistently ignored.

That has led to an overhang in recent months of more than 1 million barrels a day of OPEC production beyond the target. But the likelihood of continued overproduction persists.

OPEC powerhouse Saudi Arabia is fighting to keep market share against U.S. shale oil, Iran plans to increase production in anticipation of an end to sanctions that have crimped its crude exports and other countries are trying to compensate for low prices by selling more.

"OPEC realizes ... that it is now in a highly competitive market, in which its own members will compete against each other and collectively against non-OPEC producers, and in particular shale producers," said John Hall of Alfa Energy in London.

Announcing the decision to keep the present target, an OPEC statement urged members "to adhere to it." But al-Badri, the secretary general, acknowledged that, as in the past, countries had only been assigned "indicators" — not quotas — in attempts to hew to the target.

In contrast, Saudi and Iranian comments Friday reflected the countries' determination to produce what they decide.

"Production policy is a sovereign right," Naimi told reporters.

Iranian Petroleum Minister Bijar Namdar Zangeneh, meanwhile, advised OPEC to make room for increased output from his country as early as the end of the month. That's the target date for a deal between Tehran and six world powers envisaging an end to sanctions on the Islamic Republic in exchange for curbs on its nuclear program.

Iran hopes to ramp up production by up to 1 million barrels a day within a year once sanctions are gone, and Zangeneh said his country doesn't "need any decision from the OPEC side to return to the market, because it's our right."

OPEC powerhouse Saudi Arabia and their Gulf allies are best set to continue all-out producing — even though they, like others, are selling at a loss.

But they can afford to do so. □

Wal-Mart keeps it all in the family, chair passed to Penner

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)

— Wal-Mart is passing the chairmanship of the world's largest retailer from the eldest son of late founder Sam Walton to a third generation.

The company said that board Chairman Rob Walton will step down and be succeeded by Vice Chairman Greg Penner, who is his son-in-law.

The change took effect at the end of the company's annual shareholders' meeting Friday and came despite pressures from labor-backed worker groups to name an independent chairman. The calls for independent leadership mounted in the wake of allegations of bribery in Mexico and other countries Wal-Mart operates in that came to surface in spring 2012.

Walton, son of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, has been chairman since 1992. The company says the 70-year-old will continue to serve as a director. Jim Walton, another son of the late founder, also remains on the board.

Penner, whose background is in technology and finance, will be the company's third chairman in the company's 53-year history. Rob Walton took over as chair upon the death of his father in 1992.

The announcement comes Wal-Mart is facing challenges on all fronts, from how it runs its operations to how it treats its workers.

Penner, 45, joined Wal-Mart as a management trainee and held a number of positions including senior vice president of finance and strategy for Walmart.com and chief financial officer for the Japan unit. He had been a general partner of Madrone Capital Partners, an investment management firm since 2005. He joined Wal-Mart's board in 2008. Rob Walton noted on stage at the meeting that Penner is married to his daughter.

Penner had been the chairman of the company's technology and e-commerce committee since it was formed in 2011 and has been instrumental in guiding the company on the technology front.

"You've been a great mentor. No one can fill your shoes," said Penner, referring to Walton. Penner joined Walton on stage as well as Doug McMillon, the company's CEO, and former CEO David Glass who served at the helm from 1988 to 2000.

Walton said that Penner "brings an ideal blend of finance, technology, and international business expertise — as well as a deep knowledge and love of Wal-Mart — to this role."

The announcement was

not a surprise after Walton named Penner as vice chairman at last year's annual shareholders' meeting. The Walton family controls about 50 percent of

my y'all's out." She said she grew up shopping at Wal-Mart.

The meeting, held at Bud Walton Arena at the University of Arkansas, 30

an uneven economy that hasn't buoyed its customers financially. Meanwhile, shoppers are increasingly researching and buying online, and the company



New Wal-Mart chairman Greg Penner speaks to the Wal-Mart shareholder meeting in Fayetteville, Ark., Friday, June 5, 2015.
(AP Photo/Danny Johnston)

the company's shares. Keeping with Wal-Mart's practice of showcasing celebrities at the annual event, the meeting was being hosted by actress Reese Witherspoon. Singers Brian McKnight, Rod Stewart and Ricky Martin also performed on stage. Entertainer Carol Burnett was on stage, too, and did her trademark Tarzan call. "I was born and raised in the South. It's nice to be back in the South," said Witherspoon. "I can get

miles away from the company's headquarters in Bentonville, was packed with 14,000 workers from all over the world. Despite all the hoopla, the company is under a microscope. Revenue at U.S. Wal-Mart stores open at least a year have risen for three straight quarters, but that came after seven straight declines. And the recent increases have been small. Like many retailers catering to lower-income shoppers, Wal-Mart has been hurt by

faces intensifying competition from dollar stores and Amazon.com.

To counter that pressure, Wal-Mart is accelerating the rollout of smaller stores and also investing in technology, like online grocery services. It just launched a subscription service for online shoppers with an annual fee of \$50.

But the company, which is also under pressure from labor-backed groups to treat its workers better, is also investing in its workers. □

Fed Chair Yellen won't provide some documents in leak probe

**MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP)

— Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen is balking at turning over some of the documents ordered by a key House lawmaker in his investigation of a possible leak of market-sensitive information.

Yellen has told Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, who heads the House Financial Services Committee, that she can't provide some documents sought by his subpoena because doing so could jeopardize a criminal investigation by the Justice Department

and the Fed's watchdog inspector general. Yellen said the inspector general has told the Fed that the documents in question — which include records related to an earlier internal review by the Fed's general counsel — should not be provided.

"The Federal Reserve is mindful that we must not impede that open criminal investigation," Yellen wrote in a letter to Hensarling Thursday.

The move escalated a months-long battle between the Fed chair and the lawmaker over an alleged leak in 2012 of inter-

est-rate information to a financial newsletter.

Hensarling, a vocal critic of the Fed, issued a subpoena to the central bank last month, saying it had repeatedly failed to adequately respond to the panel's questions and requests for documents. He has said that his committee is trying to determine whether or not the Fed's probe was dropped at the request of several members of its policymaking body.

The Fed told the committee in March that its own investigation found no evidence that sensitive

information was deliberately leaked from the September 2012 interest-rate policy meeting. Any disclosure of information on Fed policymakers' views appeared to have been "unintentional or careless" and did not contain details of policy proposals, the Fed concluded.

An aide to Hensarling said the central bank has "not provided a valid legal justification for its failure to provide complete and adequate responses to the committee."

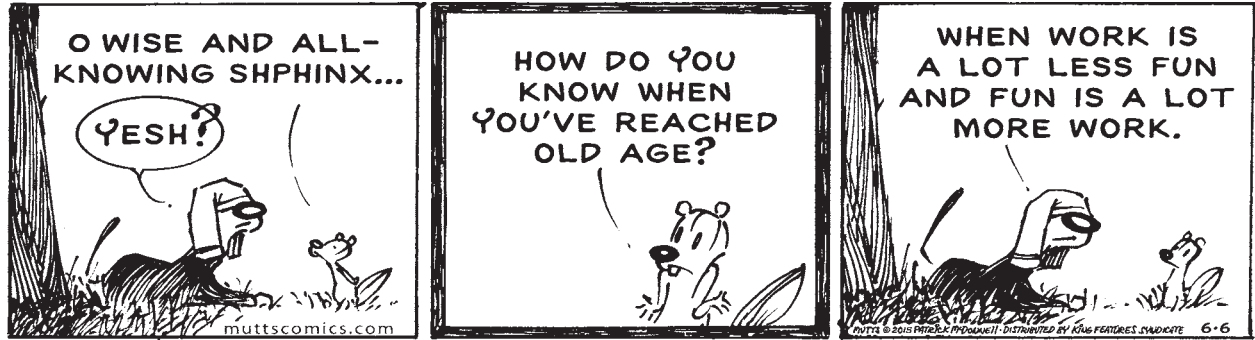
"The Fed once again is acting in a manner that can only be character-

ized as resistant to accountability, transparency and oversight," Jeff Emerson, an aide to Hensarling, said in a statement.

Yellen disclosed last month that she met once in 2012 with Regina Schleiger, a senior managing director of Medley Global Advisors, which publishes the newsletter. Yellen was the Fed's vice chairman at the time.

But Yellen said the meeting occurred several months before the private Fed discussions at issue took place, and dealt with general economic matters. □

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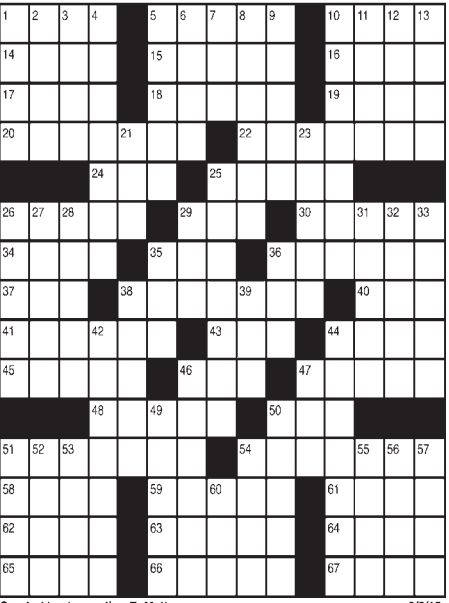
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 Facial twitches
- 5 Come _; unravel
- 10 Fundamentals
- 14 Leak out
- 15 More impolite
- 16 Ring out
- 17 Graceful waterbird
- 18 Wear away
- 19 One of the Three Bears
- 20 Tiny fish in a tin
- 22 Hit musical for Liza Minnelli
- 24 One _ million; special person
- 25 Provide food for a banquet
- 26 Stinky animal
- 29 Get-up-and-go
- 30 Swerves
- 34 Orangey drink
- 35 Coolidge, to friends
- 36 Head protector
- 37 "It ain't over till _ over"
- 38 Incredibly awful
- 40 Lamb's cry
- 41 W.C. or Totie
- 43 Ailing
- 44 Danson and Knight
- 45 Wild
- 46 Black-and-white seabird
- 47 Severe
- 48 _ one's time; waits
- 50 Long sandwich
- 51 Fall month
- 54 Card game that uses two decks
- 58 Entryway
- 59 Stogie
- 61 Mix in a bowl
- 62 _ Edna; TV comedian
- 63 Phi Beta _
- 64 Peaceful
- 65 Toboggan
- 66 Long cut
- 67 Mind



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- 1 Throw

- 2 "The Hawkeye State"
- 3 Old title for Russian rulers
- 4 Mailing
- 5 Game site
- 6 Untainted
- 7 Commotion
- 8 Baggage porter
- 9 "Trick or _!"
- 10 Clothing
- 11 Smokey or Yogi
- 12 Cloak
- 13 Bench board
- 21 Printer owner's purchase
- 23 Shape fancy curved edges
- 25 Fahrenheit alternative
- 26 Unbending
- 27 TV's Couric
- 28 Racer Al _ Jr.
- 29 Salary
- 31 Glowing coal
- 32 Peruses
- 33 Hidden supply
- 35 Major network
- 36 Actor Holbrook
- 38 Speak without preparation
- 39 Coretta's late hubby's initials
- 42 Worked hard
- 44 Hot sauce
- 46 Antenna
- 47 Attila, for one
- 49 Knocks down
- 50 Alaska's Palin
- 51 Chances
- 52 Fuel, for some
- 53 Heavy book
- 54 Lids
- 55 Pierce
- 56 Flooring piece
- 57 Military force
- 60 Student's avg.

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His interlocutors variously described him as courtly,

articulate, arrogant and unhesitant to make even the most preposterous denials of evidence put

before him by inspectors about weapons programs. "He didn't agree with our basic tasks and I didn't agree with his tasks to hide and mislead us. But I think we respected each other," Rolf Ekeus, head of the inspectors from 1991 to 1997, later said of Aziz.

As bombs rained down on Baghdad during the U.S.-led 2003 invasion, Aziz said of American forces, "We will receive them with the best music they have ever heard and the best flowers that have ever grown in Iraq ... We don't have candy; we can only offer them bullets."

His freedom ended shortly afterward. The U.S. military knocked on his door in Baghdad on April 24, 2003, and he surrendered without resistance.

Still, his prominence as an international spokesman — and his outsider status as a Christian in a Sunni Muslim-dominated regime — gave supporters fuel to argue that he was not a real decision-maker in Saddam's regime and was less to blame in the torture and bloody crackdowns it inflicted on Iraqis.

Aziz was born to a Chaldean Catholic family in Tell Kaif, Iraq, in 1936. He studied English literature at Baghdad College of Fine Arts and became a teacher and journalist. He joined the Baath Party in 1957, working closely with Saddam to overthrow British-imposed monarchy.

Saddam took charge in 1979. Aziz was deputy prime minister a year later, when attackers hurled a grenade at him in downtown Baghdad. Several people were killed; Aziz was injured. It was one of several attacks Saddam blamed on Iran — part of his justification for the expulsion of large numbers of Shiite Muslims and Iraq's 1980 invasion of Iran.

Aziz was instrumental in restoring diplomatic relations with the United States in 1984, after a 17-year break. At the time, Washington backed Iraq as a buffer against Iran's Islamic extremism.

That changed after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990. Aziz met in January 1991 with then-Secretary of State James A. Baker in Geneva in a failed attempt to prevent the Gulf War, and the U.S. broke off ties with Saddam's government for good. He also met with the late Pope John Paul II at the Vatican just weeks before the March 2003 invasion in a bid to stop it. □



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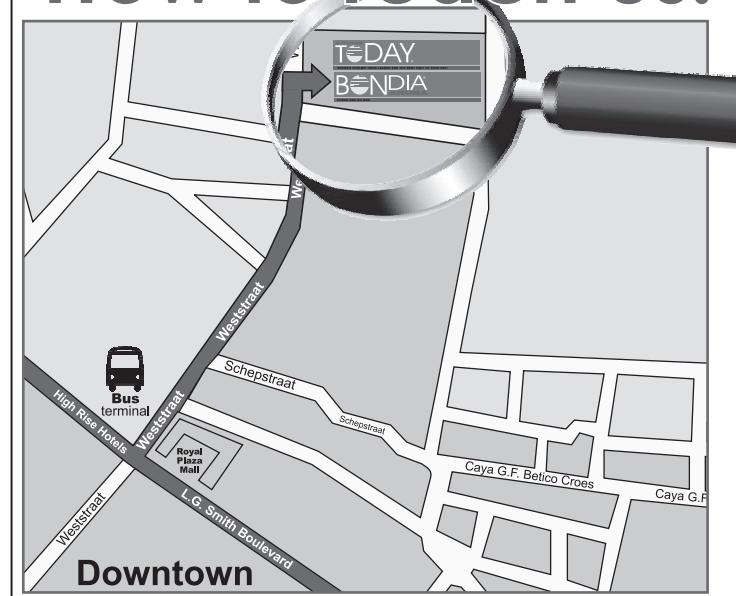
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U.S. park urges tourist common sense amid bison attacks

MEAD GRUVER
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyoming (AP)

— A pamphlet drawing of a man being gored and flung into the air graphically warns tourists in Yellowstone National Park not to get too close to bison: They're wild animals and can be very dangerous.

Rangers distribute the flyer to people as they enter the park, but some visitors still aren't getting the message. Bison have gored two people in near the famous Old Faithful geyser within the past three weeks. Increased tourism — up 18 percent in the park May compared to the same month last year — has put more people close to the animals, Yellowstone spokeswoman Traci Weaver said.

"There's just a lot of people around, and the temptation is there when a bison looks calm," Weaver said. Still, she said the two attacks in such a short period were a statistical anomaly. The latest attack Tuesday was an especially violent scene, as a bison charged a 62-year-old Australian man and flung him into the air several times.

A male American bison can weigh up to 2,000 pounds (900 kilograms), bigger than a some small cars. They have horns that aren't just for grubbing around for tasty shoots.

Bison often behave much



In this June 19, 2014, file photo, bison graze near a stream in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. Associated Press

like cattle, lumbering about and lazing in the sunshine. But when they get a mind to, they can run up to 40 mph (64 kph), or almost twice as fast as Usain Bolt's world-record speed in the 100-meter dash.

"I just don't think people realize how fast bison move. They're big animals, but they move quickly. And so when a bison becomes agitated, it doesn't take him long to cover that short distance," Yellowstone spokeswoman Amy Bartlett said. The unidentified Australian was flown by helicopter to a hospital

where he was treated for serious injuries and released Tuesday night. The attack happened as a group of people crowded near the bison as it lay on grass near a paved trail. The man was taking photos of the shaggy beast from just a few feet, but the whole crowd was much too close, park officials said.

Any less than 75 feet (22 meters) is unsafe, they warn. Also, stop staring at your camera or phone, be aware of your surroundings, and know that Yellowstone's wild animals are free to roam where they

please. If a bison is near a trail, don't go down that trail. Yellowstone's summer tourist season began a month ago and already the park has had some dicey run-ins between wildlife and tourists. A recent videotape showed camera-clicking tourists scrambling for their vehicles as a black bear and her cubs tried to cross a bridge in Yellowstone and began running in their direction.

Then on May 16, a bison in the Old Faithful area gored a 16-year-old girl from Taiwan as she posed for a picture near the animal.

She also was treated at a hospital for serious injuries and released. Some who encounter bears in Yellowstone aren't so fortunate. Bears have killed at least seven people in Yellowstone since the park was established in 1872.

But bison — and elk, especially the big-antlered males during mating season each fall — are responsible more injuries to people, at least a couple every year. And Yellowstone has far too many tourists and wildlife for park rangers to even try to police every possible situation. □

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Marlon Wayans' Christian Grey will be shady and a bad lover

LAURI NEFF

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — What do you get when you take one of the year's biggest box office hits — "Fifty Shades of Grey" — and turn it over to funny man Marlon Wayans? Christian Grey is turning into Christian Black in Wayans' spoof "Fifty Shades of Black," which has been picked up by Open Road Films for release next January.

Wayans, known for writing and starring in cinematic sendups like "White Chicks" and his "Scary Movie" films, says he thought it would be funny to do a comedic take on the erotic film, which is based on the novel of the same name.

"What if Christian Grey was black and he was rich but you kind of know how he got his money, it's kind of shady and he's a really bad lover? I mean it's kind of similar to the movie," Wayans said with a laugh. "They had all

these scenes and I was like, a funny version of this and a funny version of that and before you knew it we had a really funny script."

He was interviewed Thursday while promoting the summer competition TV series he's hosting, "I Can Do That," which airs Tuesdays on NBC.

Wayans will star and co-write the "Fifty Shades" spoof with longtime collaborator Rick Alvarez. The film will be directed by Michael Tiddes, who helmed both of Wayans' "Haunted House" movies. He is still working on his female lead but says "Fifty Shades of Black" will likely feature faces that fans have seen in his other films, such as Affion Crockett and Cedrick the Entertainer.

But don't expect any "red room of pain" in the Wayans spoof. He says in his film, the "playroom" will probably be something like "chartreuse or turquoise or some ugly random color." □



American actor and star in the NBC network comedy series "I Can Do That" Marlon Wayans poses for a portrait on Thursday, June 4, 2015, in New York.

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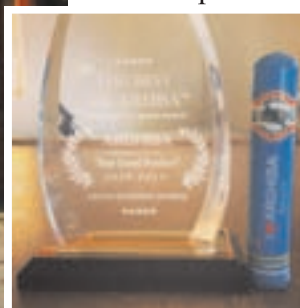


ORANJESTAD- Benjamin Petrocchi, a true native Aruban started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced hand rolled cigars called "Aruhiba". These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi always had a interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crops. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba, he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The whole process took him 10 years to perfect. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the moulding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. Their handmade cigar box is specially designed with their "Aruhiba" logo. Petrocchi considers

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Duggar parents placed locks on bedroom doors after fondling

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Two of reality TV's Duggar sisters fondled by their brother Josh say they weren't even aware it had happened until he confessed and their parents told them about it. Jill and Jessa Duggar, part of the family featured in TLC's "19 Kids and Counting," were two of the four sisters whom Josh Duggar touched inappropriately a dozen years ago. They talked about it with Fox News Channel's Megyn Kelly in an interview set to air Friday night, and the network made excerpts available early.

Jessa Duggar said that her brother was "a young boy in puberty" who was "a little too curious about girls."

In the wake of the incidents, the sisters said the parents restricted the children from playing games like hide and seek and placed locks on bedrooms where the girls and boys slept.

Jessa Duggar said that she wanted to defend her brother against people who are calling him a child molester, pedophile or rapist. She said people can get mad at her for saying that this is overboard, "but I can say this because I was one of the victims."

"He made some bad



In this Aug. 29, 2014 file photo, Josh Duggar, executive director of FRC Action, speaks in favor the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act at the Arkansas state Capitol in Little Rock, Ark.

Associated Press

choices," she said. "But really the extent of it was mild, inappropriate touching, on fully clothed victims, most of it while girls were sleeping."

The Duggars' parents, in an interview with Kelly that aired on Wednesday, acknowledged that Josh had admitted to fondling a babysitter along with the four Duggar sisters. They said they took Josh for counseling. Police investigated the incidents three or four years later after being tipped by

someone who knew the family, but filed no charges. The incidents became public over the past few weeks through news reports about police records on the case, which have since been destroyed.

TLC has taken reruns of "19 Kids and Counting" off the air and said they've made no decision about the future of the show. Hulu also has removed the show from its offerings.

The sisters said it was their choice to speak about the

incidents when it made headlines across the country.

"Nobody asked us to do this," Jill Duggar said. "Jessa and I were talking and were like, 'Oh my goodness, most of the stuff out there is lies.' It's not the truth. And for the truth's sake, we wanted to come out and set the record straight."

Jill Duggar said that Josh asked them to forgive him after they found out about the fondling.

"We had to make that choice that I think everyone has to make," she said. "My dad explained to us, he said, 'you know, there's a difference between forgiveness and trust. That's not the same thing.' You know, you forgive someone and then you have boundaries. Forgiveness with boundaries. And so trust comes later. You know, Josh destroyed that trust at the beginning. And so he had to rebuild that." The incidents made the Duggars vulnerable to charges of hypocrisy because of their promotion of conservative Christian family values. Their mother, Michelle, recorded a robo-call in opposition to a Fayetteville proposal to ban discrimination, raising the idea of transsexuals using bathrooms for women and girls. Until his recent resignation, Josh Duggar worked as a lobbyist for the Family Research Council.

"We are not a perfect family. We are just a family," Jill Duggar said.

"It's right to say, 'here's what I believe, here's my values,' even if you've made stupid mistakes or failures," her sister added. "If you've had failures in your past it doesn't mean you can't be changed ... I think the real issue is people are making this sound like it happened yesterday." □

CBS' Dickerson prepares for 'Face the Nation' debut

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For his first week as moderator of CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday, John Dickerson has no intention of playing around with a format consistent for more than half a century.

The CBS News political director replaces Bob Schieffer, who retired last week after 24 years at the Washington-based public affairs program. Unlike some people who enter a job in a whirlwind of new ideas, Dickerson is being cautious and has no qualms admitting it.

"I want to put my own stamp and touch on the show," he said. "But I don't know what that is yet."



In this June 3, 2015 photo released by CBS, John Dickerson prepares for his first broadcast as moderator of "Face The Nation," in Washington. Dickerson replaces Bob Schieffer after 24 years as host of the political program.

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Dickerson, a former Time magazine correspondent and a Slate writer who joined CBS six years ago, saw in the archives that

Sen. Joseph McCarthy was interviewed on the first "Face the Nation" in 1954. That illustrates a signature he wants to maintain, of

booking the most important newsmakers he can each week and diving right in to questions.

His first week's guests include three men with national aspirations for themselves or their ideas: just-announced GOP presidential candidate Rick Perry, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio. He'll also speak with the head of the House Homeland Security Committee about efforts to fight terrorism.

"That was Bob's mantra and advice — stick to whatever the news is, figure out who you can have on who can illuminate that and ask the kind of questions that people want asked," Dickerson said.

At least initially, he won't do a weekly commentary. A reporter's roundtable this week will feature Susan Page of USA Today, Jamelle Bouie of Slate, Ron Fournier of National Journal and Nancy Cordes of CBS. Dickerson, 46, has a CBS heritage. His mother Nancy Dickerson was CBS News' first female correspondent. Her son's book about her, "On Her Trail," is coming out in paperback this summer. Schieffer left "Face the Nation" in strong shape: it often wins a tight ratings competition among the Sunday morning public affairs shows and the nearly 4 million people who saw his finale last week was the show's biggest audience in four months. □

Smithsonian documentary captures earthquake in Nepal

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NEW YORK (AP) — It's now a given that most every natural disaster, even in a location as remote as Nepal, will be captured by gripping amateur video. The challenge for the Smithsonian Channel was taking this material and making it mean something more.

The network's one-hour special, "Nepal Quake: Terror on Everest," airs Monday at 9 p.m. ET.

More than 8,700 people were killed and thousands more injured in the April 25 earthquake and a May 12 aftershock.

Finding video evidence of the disaster wasn't hard. Two Nepalese teenagers were recording material for their YouTube channel on a Kathmandu street when the earthquake struck, and they turned their camera around to capture buildings toppling, birds flying frantically and people trying hard to stay on their feet with the ground convulsing beneath them.

Video taken from a Mount Everest base camp showed a wall of crushed ice and snow rushing toward hikers, eventually killing 19 of them. Since then, that clip has been viewed



This undated photo provided by Smithsonian Channel shows the ruins of Kanjin Gompa, a village in the Langtang Valley destroyed by a landslide in a scene from the documentary, "Nepal Quake: Terror on Everest," a one-hour special airing on Monday, June 8, 2015, at 9 p.m. ET.

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some 25 million times, said David Royle, executive vice president of programming and production at the Smithsonian Channel. "That is how people experienced this story in many ways," Royle said. "What was important to us is that nobody has seen the full story. What we were able to do is tell the fuller story." That was because there were hardly any moments when somebody didn't

have a mobile phone out with the video button pushed. Documentary makers acquired video from a hiker who kept the camera running as he rushed into a tent and crouched under a table when the wall of ice hit, then emerged to see the chaotic aftermath. Hikers tried to help one man keep warm when he was caught without a coat.

Through the video and

eyewitness accounts, the documentary tells stories of how hikers were airlifted off the mountain, including one American who nearly died because of fluid in his lungs caused by high altitude.

Besides the Everest story, which dominates about half of this documentary, filmmakers found two women whose lives were saved because they happened to hike out of a vil-

lage in the Langtang Valley hours before it was flattened by a landslide. There's dramatic footage of landslides caused by earthquakes in the mountains surrounding the valley, sending boulders tumbling to the ground below. Besides the personal stories, filmmakers tried to establish the science behind what happened, explaining that about 200 years' worth of what is normally gradual movement between two geologic plates was unleashed at the moment of the quake.

Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain, shrank by an inch. Scientists can't predict earthquakes, but they can forecast areas where they are likely to occur, and this was the case here, the documentary said.

"Obviously, this is one of the important stories of the year," Royle said. "We felt we could provide context and nuance and greater understanding."

Network executives also wanted to keep the story in the public's mind because the Smithsonian Institution is involved in trying to preserve some of the historical buildings and artifacts damaged by the storm, he said. □

'Star Trek' star Nichelle Nichols recovering from stroke

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NEW YORK (AP) — Nichelle Nichols, who played Lt. Nyota Uhura in the original "Star Trek" TV series and in follow-up films, is recovering from a stroke suffered Wednesday at her Los Angeles home.

Tests indicate the stroke was mild, her booking manager, Zachery McGinnis, said Friday. He said the 82-year-old actress began therapy Friday.

"She is awake, eating, in good spirits and able to have full conversations," McGinnis said.

Nichols' role on "Star Trek" earned her accolades for breaking stereotypes for black actresses, with the

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. personally encouraging her to stay with the series. She met him at a civil rights gathering in 1967, at a point when she had decided not to return for the show's second season.

He said, "You cannot do that," Nichols recalled. "You've changed the face of television forever, and therefore, you've changed the minds of people," she said the civil rights leader told her.

During the show's third season, her character and William Shatner's Capt. James Kirk shared what was described as the first interracial kiss to be broadcast on a U.S. television series. In the episode, their char-



In this June 8, 2014 file photo, actor Nichelle Nichols during the Creation Entertainment's Official Star Trek Convention at The Westin O'Hare, in Rosemont, Ill.

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acters, who had always maintained a platonic relationship, were forced into the kiss by aliens who were controlling their actions. Nichols also appeared in six big-screen spin-offs of

the series starting in 1979 with "Star Trek: The Motion Picture." More recently, she had a recurring role on television's "Heroes," playing the great-aunt of a young boy with mystical

powers. Her acting career has continued into the present day with roles in two upcoming films. Leonard Nimoy, a fellow charter "Star Trek" cast member, died in February. □

Yay or neigh: Would a Triple Crown help or hurt racing?

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NEW YORK (AP) — Will the long, long wait finally end in the Belmont Stakes on Saturday?

If it does, and American Pharoah becomes the first Triple Crown winner in 37 years, it may not be enough to help the troubled sport of horse racing stay relevant.

"It would be a shot in the arm for racing," says Tom Hammond, who hosts NBC's horse racing coverage. "But racing does have many problems, and a Triple Crown winner is not going to solve all those



In this Oct. 14, 1995, file photo, jockey Angel Cordero Jr., smiles as he answers questions after riding in the second race at Belmont Park in New York. Remain calm. That's the advice of Hall of Fame jockey Cordero when it comes to riding in the Belmont Stakes.

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problems."

Amid a push to improve drug testing, a dwindling fan base and horse break-downs, racing is a far cry from the popular sport it used to be in the days of Secretariat, Seattle Slew and Affirmed.

The weeks leading to a Triple Crown try always create a buzz in the racing world and draws tons of interest from casual fans hoping to see a little history. The buildup usually results in higher TV ratings, not to mention huge crowds at Belmont Park.

The anticipation for another Triple Crown has been going on since 1979, a year after Affirmed became the



In this Tuesday, June 2, 2015, file photo, Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner American Pharoah is led around the stable by trainer Bob Baffert at Belmont Park in New York. On Saturday, American Pharoah will take on seven rivals in the Belmont in his bid to end a 37-year Triple Crown drought.

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In this June 10, 1978, file photo, jockey Steve Cauthen raises his arm in a victory salute after riding Affirmed to win the Belmont Stakes, and thereby capturing the Triple Crown, at Belmont Park in New York.

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11th horse to sweep the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont. Twelve times, horses entered the starting gate in the Belmont, only to come up short at the finish, from Spectacular Bid in '79 to California Chrome last year. I'll Have Another won the first two legs in

2012, but was scratched the day before the race with an injury.

"I know every year it seems like people are so fired up about the fact that a horse is finally going to win the Triple Crown," says Larry Colmus, Belmont's new track announcer who also calls

the race for NBC. "And then they all leave and say, 'I can't believe this, it didn't happen again.' People are certainly ready for it."

Then again, maybe not.

"Susan Lucci lost the Emmy award 18 times and it made her famous," notes John Hendrickson, husband of Saratoga socialite Marylou Whitney.

It's been a generation since the last Triple Crown, so it's tough to figure if ending the drought will help. The short-term answer is: yes, it will.

"It'll be a temporary high," said retired Hall of Fame jockey Angel Cordero, Jr., who finished well back in Belmonts that resulted in Triple Crowns for Secretariat, Seattle Slew and Affirmed in the 1970s. "It will only last a little bit, and then back to usual."

The reality is horses don't run as much as they used to. In fact, many top 3-year-olds end up being retired to stud before their 4-year-old seasons because the breeding indus-

try is so lucrative. American Pharoah owner Ahmed Zayat said his colt will race until the end of the year, but breeding rights have already been sold to Coolmore's Ashford Stud for what could end up being \$30 million. With a

win in the Belmont, why risk injury by running him again to draw a few more big crowds?

"I don't know if it's going to resurrect the sport," says Hall of Fame trainer Nick Zito, who will try to play spoiler a third time with 30-1 long shot Frammento. "But it will definitely help." Affirmed, who dueled with rival Alydar throughout his career, continued racing after winning the Triple Crown through his 4-year-old season and drew large crowds everywhere he showed up. Same with Seattle Slew, who ran through his 4-year-old season. Secretariat, who ended a 25-year Triple drought in 1973, finished off his 3-year-old season before being retired. He was a magazine cover boy, and remains one of the most well-known names in all of sports.

"I think racing is strong businesswise," says Zito. "There are a lot of people buying horses. A lot of people are new in the game, a lot of rich people that like to compete in this game."

"Fan wise, I'm not too sure because of all the electronic stuff going on ... the only way you're going to get them out is a big event. So if American Pharoah wins, I don't think you'll get that fan base again — not at the track. That's the way it is."

Hammond, an avid racing fan from Lexington, Kentucky, has been through so many failed Triples he understands the allure of the buildup. But he wants to see it happen.

"It would be better than just to keep waiting, keep waiting," he said. "I know that that does have an attraction to it ... a Triple Crown winner is not going to solve all those problems, but I think it will show people, our casual fans, how exciting the sport can be, and maybe shine a spotlight on the horses themselves."

Maybe just temporarily.

"I don't know if it would help the game as much as people think," Zito said. "I never thought I'd say that." □